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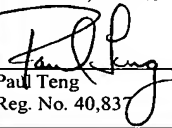
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The references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in a November 14, 2005 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 04 25 0663 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the November 14, 2005 Communication and European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

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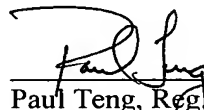
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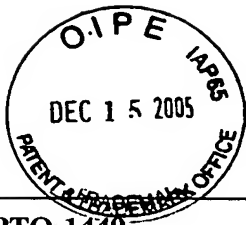
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